Coins Through Time: A Journey from the Sultanate to British India

My Mothers Grand Parent's Legacy

Delhi Sultanate Coin (14 Century)

British India Coin (1918)

Documentation on My Two Historic Coins

I have chosen an old copper coin from my family collection for this documentation. The coin is a historic copper coin known as a Falus, believed to be from the Delhi Sultanate period, around the 14th century.

The copper Falus is approximately 600–700 years old. It is made mainly of copper and has a dark brown colour with green patches of natural patina. It is about 13–16 mm in diameter, 2.5–3.5 mm thick, and weighs around 3–4.5 grams. It has an uneven, hand-made shape and contains Perso-Arabic writing. Such coins were used by ordinary people for buying and selling goods in local markets.

The second coin in my family collection is a 1918 One Rupee silver coin from British India, from the time of King George V. Although I do not currently have a separate photograph of this coin, I have included its documentation based on the details available to me.

The 1918 One Rupee silver coin weighs approximately 11.66 grams, which is equal to one traditional tola. The coin has an aged silver-grey colour. It contains the year 1918, the word “INDIA”, Persian/Urdu writing showing “Ek Rupiya,” and a floral design. It also represents King George V as Emperor of India.

I acquired the 1918 coin from my mother, and she had received it from her grandparents. It has therefore been passed down through several generations of my family.

Both coins are kept safely at home because of their historical value. They help us understand India's history, currency, trade, culture, and political conditions during two very different periods. We chose to preserve them because they are valuable connections to the past.

In the future, I plan to take proper care of both coins and preserve them for the next generation of my family. These coins are not only old objects; they are small pieces of history that connect my family with India's past.

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